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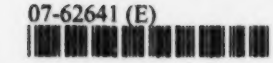

The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

Agenda item 52: Macroeconomic policy questions (*continued*)

(b) International financial system and development (*continued*) (A/C.2/62/L.9 and A/C.2/62/L.47)

Draft resolution on the international financial system and development

1. **The Chairperson** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.47, which was being submitted by Mr. Le Roux (South Africa), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.9. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

2. **Mr. Suárez Salvia** (Argentina), speaking in his capacity as facilitator for the draft resolution, said that a footnote had been added to the twelfth preambular paragraph in order to elaborate on the phrase "innovative financing initiatives". The text of that footnote read, "The International Drug Purchase Facility (UNITAID), the International Finance Facility for Immunization and the advanced market commitment initiative". Paragraph 25 had been deleted.

3. *Draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.47, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

4. *Draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.9 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 54: Sustainable development (*continued*)

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (*continued*) (A/C.2/62/L.20 and A/C.2/62/L.42)

Draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

5. **The Chairperson** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.42, which was being submitted by Ms. Santizo-Sandoval (Guatemala), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.20. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

6. **Ms. McQuade** (Ireland), speaking in her capacity as facilitator for the draft resolution, drew attention to a number of minor drafting changes in paragraphs 13, 15, 20, 22 and 23.

7. *Draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.42, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

8. *Draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.20 was withdrawn.*

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (*continued*) (A/C.2/62/L.17 and A/C.2/62/L.48)

Draft resolution on implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

9. **The Chairperson** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.48, which was being submitted by Ms. Santizo-Sandoval (Guatemala), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.17. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

10. **Ms. Santizo-Sandoval** (Guatemala), Vice-Chairperson, recommended the draft resolution for adoption by consensus with minor drafting changes in paragraphs 3 and 13.

11. **The Chairperson** said that a recorded vote had been requested on paragraph 17 of the draft resolution.

12. **Mr. Snowden** (United States of America), speaking in explanation of vote before the voting, said that his delegation would vote against paragraph 17 of the draft resolution because it was disappointed by the continued diversion of resources from the United Nations regular budget to subsidize independent and self-sustaining treaty bodies and conventions such as the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). As a matter of principle, treaty bodies and conventions should collect the funds necessary to finance their activities from their membership. His country would continue to support the objectives of the Convention through its voluntary contributions.

13. **Ms. Nagahara** (Japan), speaking in explanation of vote before the voting, said that UNCCD was an independent treaty body with its own budget and secretariat. Moreover, given that not every Member State was a party to the Convention, the cost of conference services should be separated from the United Nations regular budget.

14. *A recorded vote was taken on paragraph 17 of draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.48.*

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Japan, United States of America.

Abstaining:

None.

15. *Paragraph 17 of draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.48 was adopted by 161 votes to 2.*

16. **Ms. Houngbedji** (Benin) said that, thanks to the continued support of the United Nations Secretariat, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention had been able to convene its recent extraordinary session in New York. Convening such a meeting, which had focused on a crucial budget question, would have placed a considerable financial burden on the Convention.

17. *Draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.48, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

18. *Draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.17 was withdrawn.*

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity (*continued*) (A/C.2/62/L.15 and L.45)

Draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity

19. **The Chairperson** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.45, which was being submitted by Ms. Santizo-Sandoval (Guatemala), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.15. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

20. *Draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.45 was adopted.*

21. *Draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.15 was withdrawn.*

(i) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy (*continued*) (A/C.2/62/L.19 and L.44)

Draft resolution on promotion of new and renewable sources of energy

22. **The Chairperson** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.44, which was being submitted by Ms. Santizo-Sandoval (Guatemala), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.19. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

23. **Mr. Pic** (France) proposed two corrections to the text. In the first preambular paragraph, the words "on the World Solar Programme 1996-2005" should be deleted while the word "contribution" in the tenth

preambular paragraph should be replaced by "contributions".

24. *Draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.44, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

25. *Draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.19 was withdrawn.*

26. **Mr. Silvestre** (Portugal), speaking on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the stabilization and association process countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; and, in addition, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, welcomed the consensus that had been reached on the draft resolution just adopted but noted that the text could have placed greater emphasis on the linkage between the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy and efforts to meet the challenge of climate change. National energy policies and regulations could and should promote economic growth and poverty reduction while also addressing the immense challenge of climate change in an integrated and comprehensive manner. Such an approach should be adopted with a view to increasing energy efficiency and developing sustainable energy polices that were less reliant on carbon-based fuels.

27. **Mr. Metelitsa** (Belarus) said that an increase in the share of alternative and renewable energy sources was extremely important in order to ensure energy security. His delegation therefore welcomed the key role played by the United Nations in promoting alternative technologies and renewable energy sources through its cooperation with the World Bank, regional organizations and other bodies. It looked forward to a number of forthcoming regional and international events devoted to energy issues, including an international conference on renewable energy to be held in Washington in 2008. The outcomes of those events should be discussed at the following session of the General Assembly during unofficial thematic debates on alternative technologies and renewable energy sources as the global commons. Such debates, which were in the interests of all who wished to increase international cooperation in that area, should also include the participation of Government representatives, United Nations agencies, the World Bank and the business sector.

Agenda item 55: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN Habitat) (*continued*) (A/C.2/62/L.22 and A/C.2/62/L.43)

Draft resolution on implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

28. The Chairperson introduced draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.43, which was being submitted by Ms. Santizo-Sandoval (Guatemala), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.22. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

29. **Mr. Aspelund** (Iceland), speaking in his capacity as facilitator for the draft resolution, drew attention to a minor drafting change in preambular paragraph 5.

30. *Draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.43, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

31. *Draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.22 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 57: Groups of countries in special situations (*continued*)

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation (*continued*) (A/C.2/62/L.29 and A/C.2/62/L.46)

Draft resolution on groups of countries in special situations: specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

32. **The Chairperson** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.46, which was being submitted by Ms. Tchitanava (Georgia), Rapporteur of the

Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.29. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

33. **Mr. Mori** (Japan), speaking in his capacity as facilitator of the informal consultations on the draft resolution, drew attention to a minor drafting change in paragraph 5.

34. *Draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.46, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

35. *Draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.29 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 61: Towards global partnerships (*continued*) (A/C.2/62/L.33/Rev.1)

Draft resolution on towards global partnerships

36. **The Chairperson** announced that draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.33/Rev.1 had no programme budget implications.

37. **Mr. Fries** (Sweden), speaking in his capacity as facilitator, proposed several corrections to the text: in paragraph 8, the words "based on a coherent strategy for its engagement with the private sector" should be deleted; in the first lines of paragraphs 9 and 10, the words "United Nations" should be inserted before the words "Global Compact"; and the words "its proceedings, including" should also be deleted from paragraph 10.

38. **Ms. Gomes** (Portugal), speaking on behalf of the European Union, announced that Angola, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Canada, the Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Fiji, Gambia, Grenada, Japan, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Niger, Paraguay, Saint Lucia, Senegal and Switzerland had joined the list of sponsors of the draft resolution.

39. *Draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.33/Rev.1, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

The meeting rose at 4.20 p.m.